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In re Patent Application of:  
Tetsuya Ogata

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For: APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING SIGNAL  
FROM MULTI-LAYERED OPTICAL DISK

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Examiner: M. L. Fischer

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-8 and 10-19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including an excerpt from the Merriam-Webster Dictionary is attached following page 12 of this paper.